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## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### BUDGET FOR 1921.

### LARGE PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC WORKS.

### PROPOSALS FOR RAISING MORE REVENUE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber, at noon, yesterday. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.).  
H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL VENTRIS, C.B. (General Officer Commanding Troops in China).

Hon. Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.B.E. (Attorney-General).  
Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. D. W. TRATMAN (Colonial Secretary).  
Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, O.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).  
Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of Education).

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK.  
Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PARR.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU-PAN.  
Hon. Mr. HO FOK.

Mr. W. J. CARRIE (Clerk of Councils).  
ASSIST.

Hon. Mr. P. HOBSON HOLYOAK.  
Hon. Mr. JOHN JOHNSTON.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the Police Magistrates Courts for the year 1919. Report on the General Post Office, Hongkong, for the year 1919; Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1919; Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1919; Medical and Sanitary Reports for the year 1919; Quarterly Return of excesses on sub-heads met by savings under heads of expenditure (for the second quarter of 1920); abstract showing the difference between the approved estimates of expenditure for 1920 and the estimates of expenditure for 1921; Financial statements in connection with the estimates for 1921.

GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO FARMINE FUND.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 9), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Before putting this motion to the Council I would draw your attention specially to a Financial Minute No. 97, which provides for a grant of \$100,000 in aid of the "charitable services"—and which represents the contribution that the Government thought it right to give in aid of the relief of distress in North China. The Colony owes so much to its connection with the Chinese Republic that it is right that the Colony should contribute this sum from its resources to relieve the sufferings of the people of North China. The matter was one that required to be dealt with as quickly as possible, therefore, hon. members were consulted privately and they unanimously agreed to this vote. The money has already, therefore, been forwarded to His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Peking.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), and moved that they be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

OFFENSIVE TRADES BY-LAWS.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the following amendment, made by the Sanitary Board on July 6th, to the Offensive Trades By-laws be approved:—

By-law No. 14 contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 33 to 35 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, under the heading "Offensive Trades" is hereby repealed and the following by-law is substituted therefor:—

"14.—The Board may require the adoption of such special measures and appliances as may seem to them to be necessary in the case of dusty offensive trades, for mitigating as far as possible the danger and nuisance arising from the dissemination of dust through the atmosphere of the premises, and in the case of the trade of rag-picking, rag-storing, hair-cleaning, feather-storing or feather-cleaning, for disinfecting the premises and the materials used and for the destruction of vermin therein."

The Colonial Secretary said: The only alterations to the by-law consists of the last three lines "and in the case of the trade of rag-picking, rag-storing, hair-cleaning, feather-storing or feather-cleaning, for disinfecting the premises and the materials used and for the destruction of vermin therein."

The Attorney-General seconded and the amendment was approved.

The Colonial Secretary also moved that the Council approve the following amendment, made by the Sanitary Board on September 29th:—

By-law No. 9 contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on page 34 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, under the heading "Offensive Trades" is hereby repealed and the following by-law is substituted therefor:—

"9.—Every licensee shall cause the internal surface of every wall upon the premises where his trade is carried on to be thoroughly cleaned, and after being so cleaned, to be thoroughly washed with hot lime-water during the months of January and July of each year."

The Colonial Secretary said: There is no new matter in this by-law. It is simply a question of re-wording in order to make the intention more clear.

The Attorney-General seconded and the amendment was approved.

DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION.

The Colonial Secretary moved the following amendment, made by the Sanitary Board on July 20th to the Offensive Trades By-laws, be approved:—

The By-laws contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 32 and 23 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, as amended by the addition made on the 29th day of June, 1915, and published in the Gazette on the 9th day of July, 1915, as Government Notification No. 304, under the heading "Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation" are hereby amended by the substitution of the following By-law:—

"4.—In any case where, on receipt of the notice mentioned in By-law 3 or on the expiry of the several periods set out in that By-law 3 it appears to the Board that the provisions and requirements of that By-law have not been completed to its satisfaction, the Board shall have full power after 14 days notice to the owners given in writing to enter on the premises and thoroughly to clean and, if necessary, to wash the said premises and the cost of such cleaning and lime-washing shall be paid by the owner of such premises at a rate not to exceed \$3 for each floor."

The Colonial Secretary said: The change in this by-law is that formerly these premises required to have a certain part cement rendered making it impossible, and it was not necessary to lime-wash them. As it is liable to become greasy it is considered preferable that it should be lime-washed.

The Attorney-General seconded and the amendment was approved.

A SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a Supplementary sum of four million and twenty-six thousand three hundred and thirty-six dollars and eleven cents (\$4,026,336.11) to defray the charges of the year 1920.

The Bill provides that the sum shall be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

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Treasury 55,839

Treasury Special Expenditure 800

Harbour Master's Department 339,431

Harbour Master's Special Expenditure 15,000

Imports and Exports Department 345,943

Royal Observatory 29,705

Royal Observatory Special Expenditure 2,100

Miscellaneous Services 633,442

Miscellaneous Services Special Expenditure 15,000

Judicial and Legal Department 254,767

Judicial and Legal Department Special Expenditure 180

Police and Prison Departments 1,672,918

Police and Prison Departments Special Expenditure 42,795

Medical Department 369,094

Medical Department Special Expenditure 700

Sanitary Department 504,500

Sanitary Department Special Expenditure 58,650

Botanical and Forestry Department 64,394

Education 600,075

Education Special Expenditure 181,880

Volunteer Defence Corps 38,330

Public Works Department 632,060

Public Works Department Special Expenditure 430

Public Works, Recurrent 4,967,300

Post Office 293,217

Kowloon-Canton Railway 515,988

Special Expenditure 382,310

Pensions 312,900

Charitable Services 60,572

Total \$14,084,662

THE ESTIMATES.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Hon. members of the Legislative Council.—In introducing the Estimates last year, I stated that the expenditure for 1919 was expected to amount to \$15,078,600 leaving out of account the transactions in connection with the purchase and sale of rice. Actually the expenditure, including these transactions, amounted to \$17,915,925. The revised estimate of revenue for 1919 was \$17,056,410, but only \$16,524,975 was realised, with the result that the balance of assets over liabilities on 31st December, 1919, was \$4,530,188, instead of the estimated sum of \$7,658,948.

It is now estimated that the revenue for the current year will amount to \$14,177,478 or \$1,137,332 less than the original estimate. The deficit is more than accounted for by the reduction in the revenue from the Opium Monopoly from \$8 million to \$4½ million.

The expenditure for 1920 is now estimated at \$13,768,800, or \$1,117,643 less than the original estimate, the difference being due to



\$15,000 is asked for to cover expenses in connection with the census, which is to be taken next year.

The votes in respect of Government Launches, and Government Buildings and Courts of Justice, have been transferred to the Harbour Master's and Public Works Departments respectively, where they belong more appropriately than they do to the Treasury, which administers the Miscellaneous Services votes.

The District Officer, on page 40, has been provided with a sum of \$3,000 to enable him to assist the villagers in the New Territories in the execution of small local works, such as path-making and building of bridges over streams.

Under Crown Solicitor, on page 42, \$3,000 is provided in respect of the occasional engagement of outside assistance, rendered necessary by pressure of work in the department.

#### THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Police Department votes, on page 43, have been generally revised. The establishment, exclusive of Officers and Water Police, has been increased from 1,047 to 1,100, six Europeans and ninety-four Chinese Police have been added, the numbers of the Indian contingent being at the same time reduced from 447 to 400. I am satisfied that this rearrangement will not result in any loss in efficiency, and there will be some saving in expense. The establishment before the war was 947. The Chinese and Indian non-commissioned officers' ranks are considerably augmented, in order to improve the prospects of promotion and so to add to the attractiveness of the service.

The Police Training School, shown on page 47, is a new departure, its object being that recruits may be properly grounded in their duties before they are taken on the strength. It is proposed to place the school adjoining the new Gaol on the eastern end of the reclamation at Kowloon City.

It will be seen, on page 47, that the votes in connection with Police serving in other Government Departments are now administered by the Police Department; in order that the men may be in this respect under one control. These men are supplementary to the establishment proper.

The vote for Passage, on page 49, is increased from \$25,000 to \$34,000, owing to heavy increase in cost of passages. Bonuses in lieu of passages have been abolished, it being considered undesirable to offer men an inducement not to take leave when due.

The vote of \$37,500 for Rations for Indian Police is now the grant of free rations forming part of the new pay scheme.

Under Special Expenditure on page 53, provision is made for a motor ambulance, four motor cycles, and a small fire wagon. The ambulance is to take the place of the present one which has proved unsuitable. The other motor vehicles are required to keep pace with the times.

Sum are also included for furnishing married quarters, the Government having, with the consent of Hon. Members, decided to provide a certain amount of furniture for all Government quarters; and for modern iron bunkers for the Chinese Police in place of the wooden bunks on which they have hitherto slept.

#### FIRE BRIGADE.

The increase in the Fire Brigade vote, on page 49, from \$53,590 to \$77,343 is partly due to the establishment of a separate station at Kowloon. On page 52 provision is made for a small fire boat for Cheung Chau Island, costing \$1,500, for a motor pump to replace a pump moved to Kowloon, and for a new extension ladder.

#### PRISON DEPARTMENT.

The vote under Prison, on page 51, is \$264,936, compared with \$147,270 voted in respect of the current year. The increase is largely due to the expense of the separate establishment required for the prison recently opened at Lai-chikok, particulars of which are given on page 106. This Council has already voted considerable sums for the Lai-chikok Prison during the present year, and it has also voted additional money for such items as clothing for staff, clothing and food for prisoners, and fuel, the expenditure on which was much under-estimated when the estimate for 1920 was prepared. The experiment of transferring short sentence prisoners to Lai-chikok has been fully justified by results. The congestion in Victoria Gaol has been put to an end, and the health of the prisoners generally is much improved. Juvenile offenders will in future be imprisoned at Lai-chikok. I propose to separate the Prison Department from the Police Department, and the title of its head has accordingly been changed from Assistant Superintendent Victoria Gaol, to Superintendent of Prisons.

#### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The only change of importance under the Medical Department is the transfer of the Office of Health Officer of the Port, shown at page 60, from a private practitioner to a Government Medical Officer. Dr. Jordan who has held the post since the year 1889 to the entire satisfaction of the Government, has resigned with effect from the end of this year. It is thought advisable that in future the post should be held by a whole-time officer directly under the control of the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

At page 61 a European Sanitary is provided for the Government Laboratory, as the outcome of correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce. There was in a recent case a suggestion that samples had been tampered with, and this Government is determined to take every step possible to ensure that no preventable cause shall militate against the accuracy of its Analysts' certificates.

#### MOTOR VEHICLES FOR DUMPING REFUSE.

Under Sanitary Department, at page 67, provision is made for two motor tractors and five trucks for the purpose of dumping refuse on the Kowloon Peninsula. A committee was recently appointed to advise on the reclamation there. It is proposed to employ prison labour at the dump.

#### EDUCATION.

Under Education, at page 70, provision is made for a full European staff, but there are at present a number of vacancies which so far has not been possible to fill. The interrupted training caused by the war has checked the supply, but it is hoped that suitable candidates will shortly be forthcoming. The salaries of Chinese teachers have been considerably improved, and arrangements have been made for giving candidates for Master-ships a full course of training at the Hongkong University, as explained on page 106. I regard it as of primary importance that we should have an efficient teaching staff, without which it is of little use to make plans for the creation of new Government schools. It is proposed, however, to give considerable assistance towards the expansion of private schools, in the shape of building grants and, on page 73, a sum of \$150,000 is inserted in place of the sum of \$100,000 voted for the current year. The institutions which it is proposed to assist are the Canon College, which it is hoped will prove a useful feeder to the University, St. Joseph's College, St. Mary's School, the Man Mo School, and a school to be erected by the Church Missionary Society in West End Park. If the Diocesan Boys' School are in a position to make a commencement next year with their new buildings in Kowloon, it will be necessary to ask this Council for a further vote.

#### THE VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

The Volunteer expenditure, on page 74, is reduced from \$71,481 to \$38,358, owing mainly to the large falling off in the membership of the local forces which has resulted from the re-introduction of the voluntary system. A considerable falling off was, of course, to be anticipated when the system of compulsory service was abandoned, but it must be confessed that the recruiting for the new volunteer force has been disappointing.

#### P.W.D. SALARIES.

The question of the salaries of the Public Works Department European Staff has not yet been settled, and the estimates show old rates with the addition of the temporary allowance of 30 per cent. which was granted pending revision.

Under the Correspondence Sub-department, at page 76, provision is made for an Office Assistant, a post rendered necessary by the constantly increasing work.

Public Works Recurrent, at page 80, shows a normal increase, from \$785,600 to \$840,600, due to the growth of the Colony.

#### RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

The recurrent Railway expenditure has increased from \$430,167 to \$515,993, owing mainly to increase in salaries. The Railway employs a large number of men who came under the strike award. Provision is made, at page 88, for special expenditure in the sum of \$382,910, including a sum of \$182,500 for seven new carriages. It is proposed to purchase two motor carriages which will be available for small parties of passengers in cases where the expense of an ordinary train is hardly justified. The other principal items are in respect of a yard for housing engines and motor carriages at Lower; for a bridge to span the new road from Shamshuipo to Kowloon City; and for re-railing the Beacon Hill tunnel.

#### PENSIONS INCREASED.

With regard to Pensions, at page 89, I may state that officers now on pension have been granted increases varying from ten to thirty per cent., according to the rate of pension. All Widows and Orphans pensions have been increased by 25 per cent., pending reconsideration of the rates generally.

#### PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

The programme for Public Works Extraordinary, shown at page 85, has been fully considered by the Public Works Committee of this Council.

Under item 3 a sum of \$500,000 is provided for Officers' Quarters. The policy of housing Public Officers has been approved by this Council, and the money now asked for is required in connection with the development of the Homestead and Pavilions sites where six or perhaps seven houses and six flats are to be erected; and also for four houses on Findlay Road and one house on Barker Road.

With regard to item 6, it is proposed to build on the site between the Central Market and the sea a large six-storied building to house the Fire Brigade, the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the Imports and Exports Department, the Laboratory, the Port Health Office, and the department of the Principal Civil Medical Officer. The Harbour Department will take over the Imports and Exports Office, and will be able to house in one building its sub-departments which are now in the Post Office and at the Sailors' Home, and a number of offices in the Post Office Building will be released.

#### GOVERNMENT HOUSE EXTENSION.

Under item 7 I am asking the Council to vote a sum of \$100,000 for works at Government House. The kitchen and garage blocks are quite unsuitable for modern requirements, and would have been reconstructed long ago but for the economy necessitated by the war. The vote now asked for provides for their reconstruction and also for the provision of additional bed-rooms. The existing bedroom accommodation at Government House is scarcely adequate for a Governor, who has a family of his own, and it is constantly necessary to provide for guests who are passing through Hongkong and who are entitled to expect to receive the hospitality of His Majesty's representative. Additions to the present building would be very difficult and costly, and I propose, therefore, to meet the case by building a small separate bungalow on the grounds, which will contain two or three bed-rooms.

#### MORE HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Item 10 provides for the reconstruction of the Victoria Hospital and the building of a maternity wing. A committee was recently appointed to advise on the matter, and their recommendations have been adopted.

Item 11 refers to a proposal to build a new hospital to relieve the pressure at the Civil Hospital where the demand has outgrown the accommodation. It is the intention to allow private practitioners to have wards in which they can see their own patients in the new hospital. The question of site is bound up with the Military Land questions, and it may not be possible to make a commencement next year.

Item 12 provides for a building for an extension department for the Government Civil Hospital, which should be of great use both to the Government and to the University.

Item 13 is in respect of the rebuilding of Saiyingsun School on a site on Bonham Road near the University, which it is hoped to acquire. The site affords ample space for a large school on modern lines.

#### ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON THE ISLAND.

Under Roads, item 16, I may call attention to the road from Bowen Road to Deep Water Bay, which will provide quicker communication with the southern side of the island; to the road from Taiwan Gap to Cape D'Aguilar, which will open up new country; to the road from Wanchai Gap, past Magazine Gap, to Chamberlain Road, which will open up the Peak to motor traffic; to the widening of Garden Road; in the widening and improvement of the Shamshuipo Road, which forms part of the scheme for driving a 100ft. main road along the line of the present Praya East out to Shaukiwan.

It is not proposed to proceed with the scheme for widening Queen's Road East, as the expense is enormous, and on the completion of the Praya East Reclamation there will be a 100ft. road close by and parallel to Queen's Road East.

Under item 17 provision is made for a cable from the Observatory to Stonecutters Wireless Telegraph Station for the purpose of sending out time signals.

Item 28 is in respect of furniture for officers' quarters. It has been decided with the approval of the Council to provide heavy furniture for all quarters occupied by European officers.

Item 30 provides for a Marconi Bellini Direction Finder which it is proposed to install at Cape D'Aguilar in order to assist shipping during the foggy season.

Item 31 provides for the reconstruction of Queen's Statue Wharf which is long overdue.

Item 37 is in respect of the Eastern District Filter Beds which are urgently required to improve the water service in the eastern part of the Colony and to allow for water supply for the houses on Broadwood Road. Item 37, which is in connection with the same scheme.

Item 38 provides for an additional main to the Peak which is necessary to cope with the increasing demand for water at the Peak.

Item 41 provides additional plant for the Peak Pumps. Temporary arrangements for a water supply to Mount Cameron are proposed under item 42 in order to encourage the development of building sites which have been opened by the Wanchai Gap Road.

Item 43 provides for a water supply to Repulse Bay.

Items 45 to 48 are in respect of next year's expenditure by the Government on the Praya East Reclamation scheme.

The commencement of a new Police Station at Yau-mai is provided for under item 49. Space is being left for the erection of a Magistrate's which will before long be required on the Kowloon side.

#### A HOSPITAL FOR KOWLOON.

The sum of \$500,000 is inserted under item 51 in respect of the Kowloon Hospital. It is proposed in the first instance to commence with a small building, which will be capable of expansion when the need of Kowloon becomes better known. It is considered desirable that the main hospital establishments should continue to be on the island.

Item 53 provides for a Police Station at Mongkok, which is required to cope with the increasing population in that neighbourhood.

#### KOWLOON ROADS.

Under Roads, item 55, \$200,000 is provided for the main roads from Shamshuipo to Kowloon City and from Hung Hom to Kowloon City. Provision is also made for extending Coronation Road to meet the new main road from Shamshuipo to Kowloon City. \$100,000 is provided for commencing the work of surfacing the main roads in Kowloon in order to fit them to carry omnibuses and similar traffic.

Item 60 provides the sum of \$60,000 for filling in the tidal flow near Tai Kok Tsui. This filling in will result in the provision of a large area of good building sites.

Further provision is made under item 63 for improving the water distribution service in Kowloon, and under item 69 \$85,000 is set aside for new filter beds.

Items 71 and 72 are in respect of quarters for the Land Bailiff and the Court House for the District Officer at Un Long and new Clerk's Quarters at Tai Po.

Under item 73, \$40,000 is provided for the commencement of the new Gaol building at Ngan Shi Wan. The Government has acquired from the Kai Tak Reclamation Company an area of 15 acres of reclaimed ground at the eastern end of Kowloon. The Government has decided to erect the Gaol and the Police School. The site is admirably situated for both purposes and there is in the immediate neighbourhood a very large quantity of granite upon the working of which it is proposed to employ the prisoners. A telephone for signalling installation at Wai-kan is provided for under item 74. The Harbour Master, who goes on leave next spring, is proceeding to Canada in order to study this system which has been successfully employed on the Canadian coast.

Under item 75, \$17,000 is provided for a new school building at Cheung Chau.

Item 77 refers to roads in the New Territories. \$15,000 is set apart for widening the Tai Po Road between the third and fifth mile-stones, and \$100,000 is provided for installing and tar-paving the Lai-chikok-Castle Peak and Tai Po Roads. An additional \$15,000 is provided for improving the Coastal Road to Lai-chikok in order to enable it to carry the refuse tractors and trucks to which I have already referred.

Under item 78 and 84, \$100,000 is provided for training the main stream at Lai-chikok and providing a large basin for the water boats at its mouth. This work is rendered necessary by the extensive reclamation schemes which are in progress or are contemplated in this neighbourhood. \$10,000 is provided under item 79 for sewerage work in connection with the Kowloon City Reclamation.

\$300,000 is asked for under item 80 for continuing the reclamation at Shamshuipo. The Government is using every endeavour to induce the Chinese population to live in this neighbourhood and the rapid growth of Shamshuipo testifies to its success in this connection. It is hoped that eventually the provision of housing accommodation both here and at Kowloon City will relieve the great congestion now obtaining in the City of Victoria.

Under item 83 provision is made for a new pier at Cheung Chau.

Item 85 refers to the refuse dump near Lai-chikok, of which I have already spoken.

Item 88 sets aside a sum \$30,000 for a Fanning waterworks scheme. The Government proposes to take over the system which now belongs to the Golf Club, and to supply water to the neighbourhood.

#### A RETURN VOTE.

The total expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary amounts to a sum of \$4,967,400, an amount which is far in excess of any vote in former years. It will probably be necessary to strengthen the staff of the Public Works Department in order to enable it to carry out the programme; but I may mention that I am prepared, if necessary, to place work in the hands of private firms both to relieve the pressure on the Government staff and for the purpose of encouraging local enterprise. The development of the Homestead site has been entrusted to Messrs. Little, Adams, & Wood, and Messrs. Denton, Ram, & Gibbs are erecting a house for the Government at the eastern end of Findlay Road.

I have no hesitation in making for this large sum of money. I consider it to be of the utmost importance that the Government should do all in its power not merely to keep pace with but to anticipate the growth and expansion of this progressive Colony.

#### SCHEMES OF DEVELOPMENT.

I may take this opportunity to refer to schemes of development which are not touched on or are barely touched on in these estimates. These are in the first place the proposed motor omnibus services for Kowloon. Tenderers will shortly be invited for a service which will maintain a fixed schedule at cheap rates along the main Kowloon roads, with a view to opening up outlying districts. It is not the intention of the Government to make money out of the scheme, which may possibly be run at a loss, at least at the commencement. I do not propose that the service should be maintained by the Government as I consider that an enterprise of this nature is better left in private hands.

I may refer in this connection to the housing problem. Under its policy of building loans the Government has advanced or has arranged to advance \$1,000,000, in exchange for which it has secured the erection of 11 houses and 29 flats in Hongkong, 87 houses and 63 flats in Kowloon, and one house at Fanling.

It has under consideration schemes for the extension of the enterprising Colony at Ho Mun Tin and for the development, possibly on Garden City lines, of a large area at Kowloon Tong. The chief obstacles have hitherto been inadequacy of communications, which will be largely remedied by the omnibus service, and the necessity for preparing the advance proper planning schemes, which will ensure the best use being made of the ground.

Progress is being made with this work as fast as possible, but the many other calls upon the Public Works Department preclude the possibility of an early completion. It is the sincere hope of the Government that the Kai Tak Reclamation Scheme at Kowloon City will meet with the success which is anticipated by the promoters. The promoters have been somewhat handicapped by lack of the funds necessary to complete so ambitious a project, but a very large amount of good building land in one of the best situations in the Colony is now available, and when once a start is made development should proceed rapidly. The new omnibus and ferry services and the new roads to Kowloon City will no doubt prove of considerable assistance. On the island of Hongkong the road to Wanchai Gap has already led to several enquiries for building sites, and the enterprise of the Hongkong Hotel Company at Repulse Bay foretells the rapid development of this neighbourhood. The Government is in treaty with the Dairy Farm for the release of some of its land now under grass at Pokfulam, and applications have been received for permission to build upon a Farm Lot on the Pokfulam Road which has recently been resumed. Arrangements have been and are being made for the conversion of farm lots at Woomeiching for the purpose of the erection of a large number of houses. The question of the resumption of military lands in Victoria is appreciably nearer solution.

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**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 1st day of NOVEMBER, 1920, at 2 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Sham Kwei Po, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less 3 days from 1st July, 1898. 1702

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## THE COLONIAL BUDGET.

A cursory glance through the Budget statement presented to the Legislative Council yesterday by H.E. THE GOVERNOR leaves us with the impression that a somewhat difficult situation has been boldly and exceedingly well handled. The most striking feature of the Budget would appear to be an Expenditure estimate which exceeds the estimate for the current year by \$3,550,000—and this in a year, when a decline of about two million dollars in the opium revenue is anticipated. This increased expenditure is to be met partly by increased stamp duties and increased revenue derived from the Waterworks, Post Office and Railway traffic, ferry licenses, tobacco duties, land sales, etc., and the remainder, to the extent of about two million dollars, will be met out of accrued balances. This difference of about two million dollars between the estimated revenue and the estimated expenditure, His Excellency said, need cause no anxiety. "It is fully accounted for by the large programme of public works, many of which are proper charges on the accrued balances of the past, which I consider cannot be utilised to better purpose than in furthering the development of the Colony." We do not suppose many will be found to disagree with this view, so long as it is clear that the contemplated expenditure does really further the development of the Colony. It is a wise policy to be spending on development, especially if money is available without recourse to borrowing. But it is very important to bear in mind that the prosperity of this port as a distributing centre of trade must depend very largely on the lightness of its taxation. The growth in the Colony's expenditure has been staggering. It may be pointed out that the expenditure

estimate in the Budget presented to the Council yesterday is actually twice as large as in the year before this war. In other words expenditure has doubled in seven years. Even the estimate for Public Works Extraordinary which seven years ago was regarded as extraordinarily and dangerously high at two million dollars, figures in this Budget as close upon five million dollars. His Excellency himself remarked that the amount of the vote asked for expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary is far in excess of any vote in former years. The surprising thing is that it should be so in a year in which the Government is calculating on a loss of two million dollars in the revenue from opium; and when, among other things, revised salary schemes have been brought into operation which involve an increase in the neighbourhood of a million dollars. That the Government should be able to say in these circumstances that it does not consider that the circumstances are such as to necessitate any far-reaching schemes of new taxation, but that "the slight readjustment which this lightly-taxed community can easily bear will provide all that we require for the moment"—must be regarded as a remarkable tribute to the healthy state of the Colony's development. We have not had time to thoroughly digest the statement and we do not therefore intend to do more at present than to draw attention to its most salient features, and recommend the whole statement for perusal as being one of the most lucid Budget statements that has been presented to the Council for many years.

A Chinese girl was killed on Wednesday as the result of a rock falling on her, during blasting operations.

The United Engineers, Ltd., Singapore, have paid a dividend of 30 per cent. for the year ending June 30th last.

A Chinese diver was accidentally drowned on Wednesday while diving off the breakwater outside a Chinese shipyard.

A late Peak tram will run at 12.30 this evening for the convenience of guests attending the Commodore's dance on board H.M.S. Tamar.

Mr. F. O. Reynolds, engineer-in-chief of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (North China) Ltd., who is severing his connexion with China, left Shanghai for Home last week.

A woman giving her jewellery as security for a parcel handed her by two men who assured her it contained bank notes, found herself the victim of a cruel trick on Wednesday.

Mr. E. C. Fry, the new secretary of the Hunkow Race Club, has arrived there and assumed the duties. Mr. Fry served in the late war and rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Labour Corps.

A small fire occurred at No. 132, Wanchai Road, on Wednesday night, causing practically no damage. It was due to the firing of crackers to "scare the dragon and prevent it from eating the moon."

The Hongkong Legislative Council yesterday formally approved a donation of \$100,000 which had already been sent by the Government towards the relief of distress caused by the famine in North China.

A sum of \$1,000,000 was yesterday voted by the Legislative Council of Hongkong in aid of the Hongkong University, following upon the report of the recent Commission which inquired into the affairs of the institution.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, \$50; Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., \$25; J. McCubbin, \$10.

A number of poor pupils of Queen's College, including Messrs. C. H. Lyon, A. E. Hall, J. M. Hall, Churn, Li Hon and many others, gave a farewell dinner on Wednesday night at the To Yuen restaurant, Sheklongtau, to Mr. B. Tanner, Headmaster of the College, who is shortly leaving the Colony on leave.

Major Nathan has cabled to Tientsin from London that he has intervened with the Postmaster-General with the object of speeding up delivery of mail between the Far East and Great Britain. He did this on the request, sent by cable, of the Tientsin British Chamber of Commerce. The Postmaster-General assured Major Nathan that he would do all in his power to quicken the handling of the mails by the Post Office, but he could not hasten the transportation.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

## RUSSIAN FORCE ATTACKS CHINESE.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN URGU.

**PEKING, October 27th.**  
The Government has received a telegram from Urgu, dated October 26th, from General Kuo Tien-tien, reporting that at two o'clock that morning a Russian force, numbering 2,000 with six field-guns and seven machine-guns, attacked the city. The Chinese infantry and cavalry, though outnumbered, offered a stout resistance. A fierce fight ensued. The Russians made a feint movement from the East but delivered the main attack from the north. Their artillery fire was intense, inflicting 300 Chinese casualties. After six hours' fighting the Chinese, whose position had become desperate and the fall of the city was imminent, counter-attacked. A fierce hand-to-hand fight followed, resulting in the Russians being forced to fall back, leaving two field-guns, large quantities of rifles, munitions and horses. The Chinese suffered over 70 further casualties. The Russian losses are several hundreds.

The Chinese cavalry, pursuing, caught up the Russians. Fighting continues with heavy losses on both sides.

A telegram from Urgu to the Chamber of Commerce states that officers and men of a "certain country" were found among the enemy casualties.

Reinforcements are proceeding from Kalgan. The Government has ordered three aeroplanes to proceed to Urgu.

[By COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL"]

## IMPORTANT SHANGHAI JUDGMENT.

**SHANGHAI, October 27th.**  
An important judgment has been given in the Supreme Court in a case in which the British and Foreign Bible Society sought to restrain Messrs. Atkinson and Dajia, Ltd., Civil Engineers and Architects, from erecting a fence adjacent to their property excluding free access of light and air to their own property. The decision, which was in favour of defendants, is of considerable importance to landowners and tenants in Shanghai.

## SHANGHAI COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION.

**SHANGHAI, October 27th.**  
Dissatisfaction exists in Chinese circles over the election of the Advisory Committee of the Municipal Council, the politicians preponderating and the merchants being in a minority. The Committee includes a Tientsin journalist, and a Shanghai actor not owning property and not being representative.

## ATTEMPTED INCITEMENT OF ARSENAL WORKERS.

Lately attempts have been made to incite a disturbance among the workmen at the Kiangnan Arsenal. Strict precautions are being taken to prevent Bolshevik adherents from establishing touch with the workmen.

## THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

MO YUNG-HSIEN TO GO.

There seems at last some prospect that the Tuchun who has been obstinately holding on to his post despite the protests and appeals of the public organisations of the city of Canton will take his departure very shortly, if he has not indeed already done so. He has in obedience to an order from Peking announced the cancellation of the independence of the province of Kwangtung, and he has further publicly announced his intention to immediately depart from the province with his armies of Kwangsi troops. There is no reference in his announcement to the receipt of any payment for thus complying with the wishes of the populace, and we gather that, in view of the turn events recently took, the Cantonese people have shown the greatest reluctance to pay anything as compensation.

Tuchun Mu announces that he will not await the arrival of a successor from the North, but will hand over to anyone whom the populace chose to appoint. From a statement recently made by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, it would seem that Wu Han Man (formerly a Governor of Canton) is booked to succeed Mu, and one of Mu's private secretaries will have control of the treasury.

A shrewd Chinese student of the situation has expressed to us the opinion that the real trouble in the province will only commence with the departure of Mu. The struggle for office between the many military commanders in the province is now likely to begin.



## CABLES.

## LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.)

## THE "ZACA" FIRE.

## EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO MACHINERY.

PORT OF SPAIN, October 25th.

The steamer Zaca has been beached and the fire extinguished. Her engines and boilers have been extensively damaged.

## LABOUR M.P. IN INDIA.

## ARRIVAL AT BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, October 25th.

Colonel and Mrs. Wedgwood have arrived. They were received by the leading Labour leaders. A procession was formed, including a number of tramway strikers, who held up cars and threw stones.

Colonel Wedgwood, in a speech, said that he was there on behalf of the Labour Party, and if the strikers were orderly they would surely achieve their object.

After Colonel Wedgwood's departure, the disturbances were renewed. Thirteen were injured, including two policemen. All the tramway strikers have been dismissed.

## DEATH OF MR. MACSWINEY.

## NEW YORK MEETING OF PROTEST.

New York, October 25th.

It is estimated that 10,000 Sinn Féin sympathisers attended a mass meeting of protest against the death of Mr. MacSwiney. The speakers criticised Great Britain, also the American Government for refusing to intervene in the cause of Ireland.

## INTERNATIONAL BALLOON RACE.

## FOR GORDON-BENNETT TROPHY.

New York, October 26th.

The International Balloon Race for the Gordon-Bennett Trophy resulted, according to an informal statement by the Aero Club officials, in a victory for the Belgian balloon *Belgica*, which covered 1,100 miles.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

## TO BE EXCHANGED FOR RUSSIANS SHORTLY.

London, October 26th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir William Davison, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the information, which the Government had received from the Soviet Government gave reason to believe that arrangements were being made for the immediate release of British prisoners in Russia. The first party of Russians in Great Britain will leave on October 27th. It is hoped that they will shortly be exchanged on the Polish frontier for about thirty British prisoners, including the members of the Missions. It is hoped shortly to exchange the Baku prisoners for 300 Russians from Egypt and from Constantinople.

## NO SEIZURE OF GERMAN PROPERTY.

## REASON OF GOVERNMENT DECISION.

London, October 26th.

The British Government's decision not to exercise the right to seize German property, as provided under the Peace Treaty, is due to the desire of the Government that the uncertainty on the part of individual Germans as regards their property in England should be removed and that the resulting injury to British commercial shipping interests should be obviated. One effect of the clause of the Treaty as it stood was merely to prevent German ships from placing their goods on British ships, with the result that such trade was diverted to other shipping.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE CANCELLATION.

## DOUBLE EVENT BETS VOID.

London, October 26th.

The abandonment of the Cambridgeshire renders the double event bets on the Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire void.

## OBITUARY.

## FORMER DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.

Zurich, October 26th.

A telegram announces the death of the Duchess of Fife-Coburg, formerly, the Duchess of Edinburgh.

## MINERS' STRIKE.

## APPROACHING NEARER TO SETTLEMENT.

London, October 26th.

It is understood that the difference between the miners and the Government, as a result of discussions, have been considerably narrowed down. The former have waived the claim for an unconditional advance, while the Government is prepared to give an increase of 2s. upon a satisfactory output arrangement. Thus, both sides have somewhat abated their demands.

It is proposed that the wage advance would be granted, subject to review at an early date in the light of ascertained output and the cost of living; the owners to provide every facility for increasing output, including provision of new plant, where wanted; pit committees to be established, representing owners and miners to ensure output; and finally, a new permanent machinery to be created to regulate wages in accordance with coal revenue and the cost of living.

It is stated that the miners' leaders have accepted these terms, and have promised to convey them to a full meeting of the Executive, but they have expressed a doubt whether the miners would accept anything short of an unconditional advance.

## CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

London, October 26th.

The conference between the miners' Executive and the Government have continued the whole day, with intervals, during which the Government consulted the owners and also held a Cabinet Council. As a result, matters are reaching a critical juncture.

After a further brief interview between the miners and the Government to-night, the conference adjourned until mid-day to-morrow.

## WHY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR THE WORST.

London, October 25th.

Prior to the divisions on the Emergency Powers Bill, Mr. Thomas, in a speech acknowledging the Government's anxiety regarding peace, declared that the measure was unnecessary and inopportune.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government was merely seeking powers they did not at present possess, in the event of a strike.

The Prime Minister, whose speech was delivered just after the miners' leaders met the Government, declined to offer an opinion whether they were justified in being hopeful of the success of the discussions, but he pointed out that contingencies were conceivable even of the negotiations failing and the railwaymen and transport workers taking action. He asked whether the Triple Alliance, whose tentative arrangements would paralyse the whole life of the nation, should be allowed to make preparations, while the Government which was responsible for 46,000,000 people, sat and did nothing.

## MINERS' EXECUTIVE RE-OPENING NEGOTIATIONS.

London, October 26th.

The Miners' Executive is re-opening official negotiations with the Government this morning.

## TROOPS MOVEMENTS IN EAST RUSSIA.

London, October 26th.

It is evident from telegrams from the French and the German capitals that movements of troops are going on in East Prussia which has caused perturbation, though for different reasons.

The *Freiheit* indicates that reactionary intrigues are afoot, and says that 120,000 well-armed White Guards have been assembled and are commanded by the East Prussian estate-owner Captain Brandes, in connection with a supposed Monarchist movement.

A Government communiqué refers to armed men crossing to Lithuania and warns against the repetition of von der Goltz-Belkic adventure.

The Defence Minister says that no regulars are concerned. On the other hand Paris messages say that movements of German troops, as reported by the Inter-Allied Mission, have aroused the suspicion that they have been made for the purpose of aiding the Lithuanians against the Poles.

## DUNSANY NIGHT AT THEATRE ROYAL.

## HONGKONG A.D.C.'S PRODUCTIONS.

## IN AID OF FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

It was in every way a daring experiment.

on the part of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club to present a programme consisting of no less than four of Lord Dunsany's plays with only an interval of fifteen minutes and with an inter-scene of "Kismet Reminiscences" as a concession to those looking for variety. Lord Dunsany's plays depend so much upon the art of the producer and so little on the spoken word that it is an open question whether they will ever become excessively popular. They belong to a class of dramatic writing which, for want of a more appropriate term, may be called symbolic drama. Thanks to the plant material made available to the theatrical producer, through the advance in the art of electric lighting, for aiding in creating the true atmosphere, few dramatists have realised moments as regards the presentation of their plays in appropriate settings. Indeed, in America, where theatrical production is becoming more and more a business of the illuminating engineer—but, of course, one with a keen perception of artistic possibilities—the drama threatens to become a shadow of the cinema, with only this difference that while the characters in the former speak in the cinema they are dumb. The partial eclipse of the dramatist is due largely to the claims of the cinema to public favour, but, also, to some extent, to the influence of the Russian dramatists.

Lord Dunsany's plays are not kinematographic dramas, but, at the same time, the mood of his characters depends upon the clever manipulation of the electric bulb for their correct rendering. This does not imply that the characters lack originality of conception. His treatment of a theme is usually uncommon, but to arrive at any understanding of his meaning it is not so much the gesture or the utterance of the character that one has to rely upon as upon the lighting and general setting of the stage. In short, the spoken word does not make the direct appeal to the multitude which it should do in a drama if it is to attain universality—the touchstone of dramatic merit.

In the first play, "The Golden Doom," one sees the two sentries outside the King's great door in Zericon. They discuss the weather. (Even in Zericon of the poet's imagination, Zericon in old Assyria, they discussed the weather). One of them feels as if some great evil is to befall either the city or the King. Enter two children playing as children do and reach the great door which no one dares touch. The boy wants a hoop. The girl is inspired and recites a poem of a purple bird going up against the sky, up and up and up. The boy adds a last line of seeing the bird die. The girl writes the verses on the great door in gold. The King arrives later, finds the verses and interprets them as pronouncing his doom. The Prophets of the Stars are summoned and confirm him in his belief that it is a writing on the wall. It is only when the Chief Prophet is called that the King learns that the doom can only be averted by his offering his crown, his pride of a life-time, as a sacrifice to the gods. He removes his crown and leaves it on the sacrificial block before the great door. Enter the boy again. He is delighted at finding the circle of gold and the sceptre. He has found the hoop, his heart's desire, and takes it and goes away. The spies report later to the King that the gods have accepted his sacrifice; the crown has disappeared.

Mr. J. Dewar, as the King, and Mr. J. Bartholomew, as the Chamberlain, produced a very favourable impression. The parts of the two sentries were creditably filled by Mr. H. W. Chaney and Mr. Howard Freeborn, the latter taking Mr. D. O. Logan's place at the eleventh hour. Mr. Logan had to abandon his part owing to indisposition. Mr. A. G. Mustano made an impressive Chief Prophet. Mr. E. Green as the First Prophet and Mr. G. W. Sewell as the Second Prophet were responsible for furnishing the most dramatic episode of the play, and succeeded admirably. More than a word of praise is due to Master D. Davidson and to the little Miss Dawn St. Clair Salter, the boy and girl of the play. They were both irresistible in their charming naturalness.

In "Kismet Reminiscences" with Mrs. J. S. Jennings as Marsinah and Mr. Howard Freeborn as Caliph, which intervened between the first and second plays, the tuneful music of Mr. Norman Peterkin was much appreciated. Both Mrs. Jennings and Mr. Freeborn deserved the ovation which they received.

In "The Glittering Gate," the golden gate of Heaven, which, by the way, was neither glittering nor golden, the author indulges in an incursion into the realm beyond the veil. Always a bewildering speculation, "The Glittering Gate" enunciates a morbid system of philosophy. Two burglars, Jim and Bill, after defeating themselves at the gate of Heaven, find themselves in the land of the living. Jim is a soul in despair. Bill is a blind optimist, so blind that he firmly believes that he can force open the gate of Heaven with a jerny. Even when the gate is forced open, however, all Bill sees are "blooming great stars" and Jim once again relapses into morose revolt against the universe. Mr. J. E. Rollock and Mr. J. Dewar as Jim and Bill respectively, gave excellent character studies.

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## SPORT.

## INTERPORT CRICKET.

## THE SHANGHAI TEAM.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, supplies us with the following list of the Cricket Team expected from Shanghai:

H. W. Allison, C. Brook, W. C. G. Chifford, P. H. Cobb, D. W. Luch, H. H. Morris, H. W. P. McMeekin, H. E. Oller, A. E. Piercy, C. E. Spencer, F. L. Wainright, (Captain), R. Grisham (12th man).

## INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following teams have been selected for a trial match to be played on the Hongkong Club ground to-morrow, the 30th inst. commencing at 11.45 a.m.

## PROBABLES.

R. Hancock (Captain), T. E. Pearce, Capt. J. J. De Rome, G. R. Sayer, Major H. G. Bagnall, F. H. Farthing, R. L. D. Wodehouse, and R. E. O. Bird.

## POSSIBLES.

A. E. Wood (Captain), Capt. Oliver, Capt. Gray, F. J. De Rome, E. B. Reed, A. J. Alexander, T. E. Baskett, E. L. Braga, C. Baker, Lieut. Bevan, and B. Omar.

## FOOTBALL.

## UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

The United Services League commenced yesterday, when a team from the *Carlisle* drew with a team from the *Ambrose*, each side scoring two goals. Owing to pressure on our columns a full report is held over until to-morrow.

## PALACE HOTEL BILLIARD HANDICAP.

In the Palace Hotel Billiard Handicap, last night, the match between Mr. Golding and Mr. Green was scratched as the latter failed to turn up at 9 p.m. Mr. J. Snook—200 beats Mr. R. G. Tyrrell—75.

Mr. Snook's biggest breaks were 15, 10, 40, 17, 17, 37, and Mr. Tyrrell's 21. To-night at 9 p.m. Mr. J. W. Hamilton—100 beats Mr. J. E. Clapham—125 and at 9 p.m. Mr. A. G. Pile—200 beats Mr. W. Brew—125.

## RICE MERCHANT'S COMPLAINT.

Lau U, the manager of the On Wo rice shop of No. 130, Wing Lok Street, reports to the police that, on Wednesday, a man named Ho Yuk, obtained from his shop, by means of a false order, 12 bags of rice valued at \$150. He did not discover the fraud until after the man had departed with the goods. The police are investigating the report.

After an interval of fifteen minutes, the curtain rose on "The Lost Silk Hat," a play in which the author reveals the world of the poet as it appears to the audience; and, also, degrees of philistinism, in its widest range. The play is written by Mr. A. J. Butler, R.N., the Clerk (Mr. L. D. Martyn) and the Poet (Mr. J. Bartholomew) all look at a single fact from different angles and, naturally, vary in their judgments as to its import. The Clerk has been rejected by the lady he loves and in his mortification comes out of the house without his hat. He asks the labourer, the clerk and the poet to go in and recover his hat. They all refuse to do so, but for different reasons. The labourer is suspicious, the clerk has an overbearing regard for convention and the poet is romantic.

"The Compromise of the King of the Golden Isles" was the last play on the programme. It depicts and Oriental King (Mr. Howard Freeborn) steeped in fatalism. He hears that the Emperor's Seeker (Mr. J. L. Parren) has arrived at his Court to demand the head of a man who has taken sanctuary in the Kingdom. The King first decides to do as the Emperor bids him to do, then he resolves to defy the Emperor, and again he decides upon a compromise. The wanted man is to be banished. But the Ambassador of the Emperor (Mr. J. Dewar) arrives with an edict. The sight of the edict has a hypnotic effect on the King. The old habit of unquestioning obedience to the Emperor reasserts itself. He announces that he has evaded the Emperor's command by banishing the man. The Ambassador offers him two goblets, one containing poison and the other wine, and bids him, in the name of the Emperor, to drink the contents of one of the two. The King consults the priests (Mr. J. A. Bullock and Mr. H. O. Macnamara) and asks them to divine the cup that he should drink. He, however, disregards their choice of the cup through suspicion, and drinks the contents of the other cup. He is then haunted by the thought that he has disobeyed the gods. In the end, he drinks of the cup of poison and dies.

From a dramatic point of view, there is little in "The Compromise of the King of the Golden Isles." The play, by the way, was not produced for the first time in Hongkong; it was produced sometime last spring by the Yale University Dramatic Association. From a spectacular point of view, it reflected great credit upon Mr. W. Sinclair and his colleagues of the Amateur Dramatic Society who assisted him in arranging the costumes and the light effects. The staging of the other plays, left little to be desired. In "The Golden Doom," however, it would probably be more effective to place the King's door a little farther back on the stage and convey an idea of distance by a new arrangement of lights. A similar treatment of the golden gate, which should somehow be made to harmonise with its description in "The Glittering Gate," appears to be desirable.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## (Continued from page 3.)

## THE EUROPEAN HOUSE SHORTAGE.

I may say here that I have been at some pains to ascertain to what extent there is an actual shortage of housing accommodation for Europeans, but without any very definite result. That there is a shortage appears to be generally admitted but I have been struck by an advertisement which has for some time past been appearing in the Press to the effect that a number of European flats are available for occupation on Coronation Road. I understand that the flats are in every way suitable but that enquirers consider the distance from the Star Ferry Wharf to be too great, and are not apparently disposed to use the Yaumatei Ferry which is close by.

Prospective tenants can hardly expect that in towns of constantly rising land values such as Victoria and Kowloon, they can continue to rent dwellings at cheap rentals within easy distance of their offices. The question is primarily an economic one, which cannot be greatly affected by Government action. The Government can probably do little more than endeavour to secure that existing possibilities are made the most of and I may say in this connection that I have under consideration the question of taking steps to ensure that suitable land is not allowed to remain unoccupied.

## REVISION OF SALARIES COSTS A MILLION DOLLARS.

With regard to the Estimates generally, I have not attempted to deal in detail with the very large number of changes brought about by the salary revision schemes. The increase in salaries has ranged between 20 and 30 per cent. in the great majority of cases, and the total additional cost is in the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000. It has been the aim of the Government to abolish as far as possible all allowances and special payments and to make an officer's salary cover the whole of the duties which he may be called upon to perform. In addition to increases of salary important concessions have been granted as regards passages, housing, leave and acting pay, and exchange. Exchange is the principal difficulty with which the Government has to contend in fixing an adequate rate of remuneration, and that difficulty has been accentuated by the violent fluctuations in the dollar during recent years.

If the dollar were to return to the pre-war level the whole situation would doubtless have again to be reviewed, but in the meantime established has been to a large extent a scale, whereunder, as the dollar ranges between 48s. and 52s. sterling salaries are converted at rates ranging between \$10 and \$12 to the pound sterling.

## FINANCIAL POSITION SATISFACTORY AND PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

In conclusion, I may say that I regard the Colony's present financial position as satisfactory and I consider that the prospects for the future are bright. The difference of about two million dollars between the estimated revenue and the estimated expenditure need cause no anxiety. It is fully accounted for by the large programme of public works many of which are proper charges on the accrued balances of the past which, as I said last year, I consider cannot be utilised to better purpose than in furthering the development of the Colony. In the future, expenditure will no doubt continue to grow, and we have foreshadowed large schemes of development, such as that in connection with the harbour, which will cost large sums of money; but the past history of Hongkong gives good ground for confidence that this wealthy community will find little difficulty in shouldering its future burdens. As I have already said, I feel that it is necessary to take steps to raise from other sources some part of the revenue which we are losing owing to diminished opium receipts, but I do not consider that the circumstances are such as to necessitate any far-reaching schemes of new taxation at the present time. Slight readjustments, which this highly taxed community can easily bear, will, I believe, provide all that we require for the moment.

It is unfortunately the case that China is still crippled by internal dissension, and the acute situation which has recently arisen close to our borders is reflected in the stagnation of trade which is depressing the Colony's markets. I may express the hope that a satisfactory settlement will speedily be reached and that our neighbours in Canton will then enter upon the era of prosperity which is bound to come as soon as the country is at peace.

## APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

Before I sit down, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the assistance which the Kowloon Residents' Association has afforded me in connection with various matters affecting the interests of that district of the Colony. When I first arrived in Hongkong I said that I had been accustomed in my former Colony to seek for and to receive the assistance of all sections of the community in matters of public interest and that I hoped to follow the same practice here. The Kowloon Residents' Association have taken me at my word and we have consulted each other on a number of occasions with results which have, I hope, been satisfactory to both parties. (Applauds)

## A PLANTS ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the protection of trees, shrubs and other plants.

The statement of "objects and reasons" attached to the Bill says:—"Considerable damage has been done in recent years to trees by the picking of the flowering branches for the purpose of table and house decoration, and strong action is necessary if the shrub, which used to be such a striking feature of the hillside in the flowering season, is to be saved from practical extermination except in private gardens. It may not be generally known that once the flowering branches are cut the plant does not produce a further full supply of flowers for at least five years."

## THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Gentlemen, the question now arises as to the date to which we shall adjourn the meeting of this Council. It is not possible to take the second reading of the Financial Bill before November 18th, because I do not want to proceed with it in the absence of Mr. Holyoak and Mr. Johnston. The question is whether we should have a further meeting next week in regard to the other business. I wish to hear the views of the members.

## THE HON. MR. H. E. POLLOCK: Adjourn.

It for three weeks.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Do you wish that?

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: I think so, sir.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I suggest that as the session will be rather a long one, we had better make the time of meeting 2.30 p.m. instead of noon.

The suggestion appearing to meet with the approval of the members, His Excellency said: "Council is adjourned until 2.30 p.m. November 18th."

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

## EXTRA LEGAL EXPENSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$5,000 in aid of the Extra Legal Expenses of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.

The Chairman: The shortage of staff in the office has necessitated the engagement of outside legal assistance.

The vote was approved.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$51,000 in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, (16) Road.

(e) Branch road from the Wong Nei Ching Valley to Wanchai Gap.

The Chairman: There was more rock cut than anticipated and a number of retaining walls had to be built. The total cost of the road has been just under \$150,000.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: This is the road from the Sikh Temple?

The Chairman: Yes.

Approved.

## SANITARY VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,000 in aid of the Sanitary Department (Other Charges).

The Chairman: This is for the systematic replacing of stock in use now being undertaken.

Approved.

## FIRE BRIGADE VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,000 in aid of the Fire Brigade, Other Charges, Clothing.

The Chairman: The original vote was \$1,000. There has been an increase in the personnel of the Fire Brigade and a large increase in the cost of material.

Approved.

The plant therefore does not lead itself to the supply of flowers for decoration purposes. Some of the existing assafras are wild, and others were planted by the Botanical and Forestry Department. It is desired to protect both classes. The Bill is primarily intended to provide powers for the protection of assafras, but it is made general in form as it may be desirable from time to time to protect other plants also. A draft of the regulations immediately proposed is published with this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the first reading of the Bill was agreed to.

## PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1907.

The "objects and reasons" state:—"The evils connected with the traffic in girls are so great that fuller powers are desirable for dealing with it. The existing section is insufficient because in cases falling under paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance it is necessary to prove that the girl left or was taken out of the possession of her father or mother or of some other definite person having the lawful care or charge of her. The impossibility of tracing the relatives, and the stupidity or equivocation of the girl, sometimes make this proof unobtainable. In the circumstances it does not seem reasonable to put the onus on any one found in charge of a girl of showing that he obtained charge of her lawfully. The onus is also thrown on the defence of proving that girl was of full age, or was married, in all cases in which the girl appears to the magistrate to be under 21. In order to prevent prosecution being instituted out of spite or on insufficient grounds the new section requires the consent of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to all prosecutions under this section."

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the first reading of the Bill was agreed to.

## CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to restrain certain acts of intimidation.

The "objects and reasons" state:—"Cases frequently occur in which threats of violence are used by societies and individuals in order to force the persons threatened to do some act which is not legally bound to do or to abstain from doing some act which is legally entitled to do. These threats are sometimes carried out, even to the extent of murder. Sometimes the threat is intended to induce a person to do an illegal act, e.g., to join the Triad Society. In other cases it is made in order to build up or retain some exclusive guild privilege which is arbitrarily claimed. The law is not strong enough at present to deal with such threats. The main clause of the Bill, clause 2, is based on section 303 of the Indian Penal Code. Clause 3 is intended to cover such cases as that of threats which are made to a 'third party,' and thus of written threats posted up on walls."

## THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Gentlemen, the question now arises as to the date to which we shall adjourn the meeting of this Council. It is not possible to take the second reading of the Financial Bill before November 18th, because I do not want to proceed with it in the absence of Mr. Holyoak and Mr. Johnston. The question is whether we should have a further meeting next week in regard to the other business. I wish to hear the views of the members.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: Adjourn.

It for three weeks.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Do you wish that?

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: I think so, sir.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I suggest that as the session will be rather a long one, we had better make the time of meeting 2.30 p.m. instead of noon.

The suggestion appearing to meet with the approval of the members, His Excellency said: "Council is adjourned until 2.30 p.m. November 18th."

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

## EXTRA LEGAL EXPENSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$5,000 in aid of the Extra Legal Expenses of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.

The Chairman: The shortage of staff in the office has necessitated the engagement of outside legal assistance.

The vote was approved.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION.


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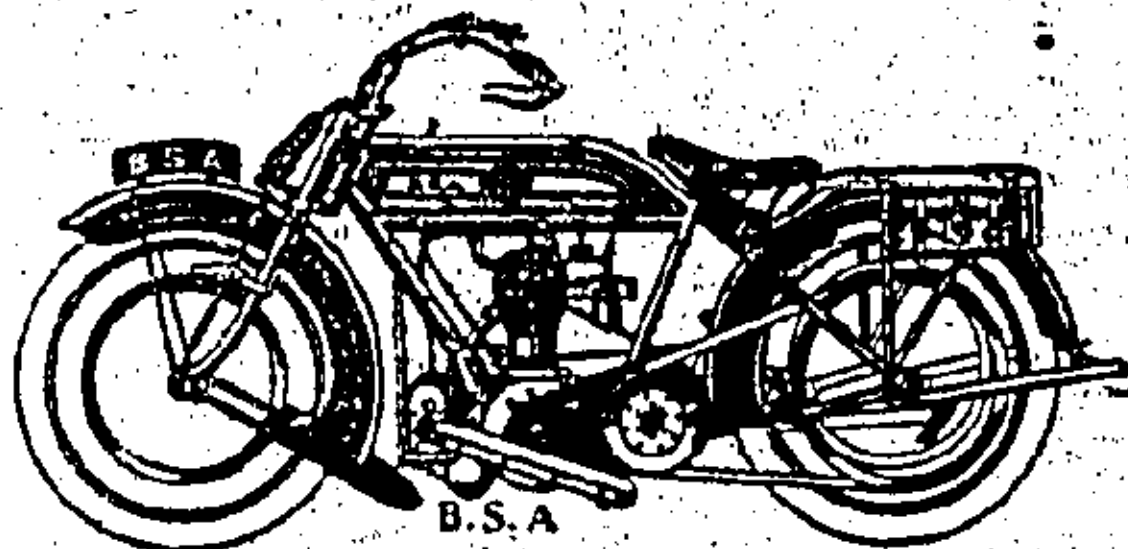
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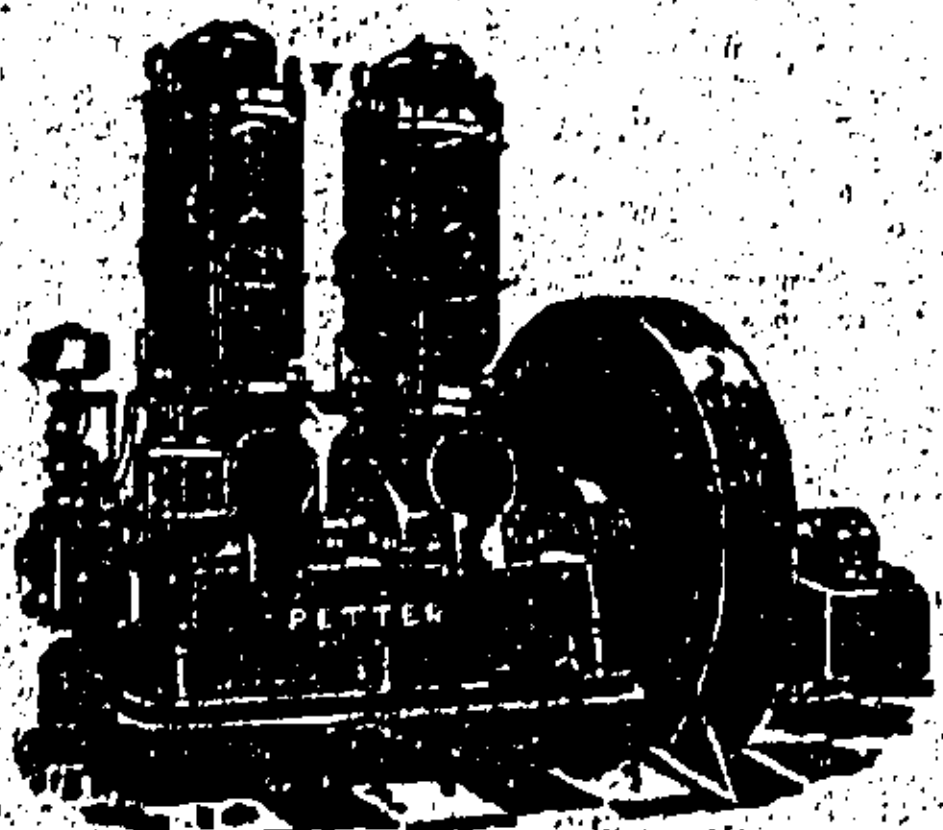
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### POLICE CRUELITIES IN KOREA. AN AMERICAN'S PROTEST.

An American Missionary in Korea, writing to the *Japan Advertiser*, says: "If any one thinks that the old methods are not still being used in Korea, they have been fooled. The 'reforms' of the new government are the kind that look well in the newspapers but they make little difference to the Koreans themselves. The attitude of the lower officials (who have changed their uniforms) is the same as it always was. The chief of police in the town in which I live asked me to tell the Christians that if they should 'mangle' again they would be treated 'real harshly'; that last year the authorities were lenient since it was the first offence. (Last April there were two men and two women killed, and many others wounded by shots and bayonets, and two of the seven school boys who were flogged were beaten to death.)

Lately a number of Koreans were arrested and treated with the same old methods. How do I know? The foreign physician was called to the police station to revive our young Korean doctor who was nearly killed by the tortures. The worst of it was the man was found innocent and released after this examination.

Recently a pastor, four elders and some other church officers were on their way to an Officers' Club. At the church where they were stopping on Sunday, one of the elders, in preaching spoke of the Korean nation as a 'suffering people.' The next day the whole bunch were arrested, taken to the country jail, kept there three days and then each one flogged to impress it upon them that they were not a suffering people.

The church at which I now am is close to the police station. The police came and ordered the Christians not to ring the bell nor sing because it disturbed them. The Christians report that all the prisoners are badly beaten in their preliminary examinations, and that one man, a non-Christian, from Manchuria was beaten to death recently.

Those who have been released also claim that at the smaller police stations (not the big 'marble-halled' prisons) (sometimes 50 or 60 men and even women are crowded into a single 10 by 10 room, with hardly room to sit, packed in like sardines, and just treated like animals. For food they are given a ration of kaffir corn about the size of a man's fist, twice a day. These Koreans are usually of the better class.

What is being accomplished by this? Do the police expect to cow the Koreans into obedience by this method? Cannot educated Japanese in Japan proper see that these methods will not win? Cannot they see that these things are deepening the hatred of the Koreans for the Japanese? Cannot they see that these things are sharpening the dagger that is pointed at the heart of Japan? The Koreans are a most peaceful and peace-loving nation; in fact one of their greatest faults is indolence. They are the only people that have ever made such an unprovoked revolt as they did last year. But they are slowly being changed. Blows are hardening them rather than softening them, and it may be put down as a sure conclusion that if ever an opportunity offers itself they will be sure to take it.

I have investigated the jail in the town where I am just now. There are 27 men now confined there and the room cannot be more than 10 by 10 feet. There is but one small window about 18 inches square, boarded up so that light from the sky may enter but those inside cannot look out. The toilet facilities consist in a Standard Oil can in one corner of the room where all these men are confined. In that room is an elder from another church, a refined gentleman, a merchant of some means. Talk about the Black Hole of Calcutta!

### MONGOL STORY. STRANGE ARMY IN THE GOBI DESERT.

The *Englishman* says: "News has reached India from Lhasa to the effect that a large caravan of Mongols recently camped on the outskirts of that city with many hundreds of horses. As all the males and some of the women carried rifles and other arms the Lhasa authorities have forbidden the Mongols from entering the city except in small groups and unarmed. These people have a story that a great deal of fighting has been going on in Mongolia between the local 'tribe' and soldiers who are described by the Mongols as 'foreigners.' One large body of the latter they add, has penetrated into the desert of Gobi under the leadership of a Russian who is styled the Ataman. This army is believed to have marched from the vicinity of Lake Baikal. It may consist of Bolsheviks, or may be composed of some of Admiral Koltchak's troops, who, finding themselves cut off by the Revolution behind them, rather than join the Bolsheviks, marched southward into Mongolia. On this point the Mongols are apparently not able to throw any light. At any rate they say that as their horses were too valuable to be risked in a fight, they have come down to Lhasa, where they intend to pass the winter. The Lhasa Government has despatched couriers to make enquiries into the story.

### FIGHT ON A 'B.I.' STEAMER.

There was a somewhat serious fight on board the B.I. steamer *Takada* in harbour at Penang, recently, between some members of the Sikh Police who are on their way to Hongkong from Calcutta and a number of Chinese passengers. Slacks were freely used, says the *Penang Gazette*, with the result that a number of the Sikhs and five of the Chinese were injured, one of the latter seriously that he had to be taken ashore and sent to hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition. Four other Chinese were also taken ashore. Another of the Chinese was not so seriously injured, but his condition was not so serious as to necessitate his detention in hospital. The fight, it appears, was the result of one of the Sikhs removing the luggage of a Chinese passenger, and this led to a dispute and subsequently a fight.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice. Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GOSWAMI & DOWLAT, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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"ANDES MARU" ... Monday, 8th Nov.

BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS, DURBAN &amp; CAPE TOWN via SINGAPORE.

"TACOMA MARU" ... Tuesday, 9th Dec.

BOMBAY &amp; COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.

"KARADO MARU" ... Saturday, 30th Oct.

"SIAM MARU" ... Thursday, 18th Nov.

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"SHIRAKI MARU" ... Monday, 1st Nov.

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"AFRICA MARU" ... Friday, 20th Nov.

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"HAGUE MARU" ... Saturday, 13th Nov.

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"KAIYO MARU" ... Monday, 1st Nov.

TAKAO via SWATOW &amp; AMOY.

"KOSU MARU" ... Saturday, 20th Oct.

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STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
SHINTO MARU	22,000	Nov. 23rd.
PRESIA MARU	8,000	Dec. 2nd.

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STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
SHINTO MARU	14,000	Nov. 30th.
TOKUYO MARU (Cargo only)	17,500	Dec. 9th.
KIYO MARU	17,500	Jan. 10th, 1921.

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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS & DEPARTURES	SAILING DATES
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CHILI" ... 10,000 ... "AFRIZONE" ... 10,000 ... "ANDRE LEBON" ... 22,000 ...	On or about 15th Nov. On or about 23rd Nov. On or about 15th Dec.

MARSEILLES via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DUBOUI, PORT SAID. "FORTHOS" ... 10,000 ... On or about 10th Nov.

calling at Haiphong

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Shanghai	29th Oct
SWATOW (via Nagasaki)	Kamo Maru	29th Oct
SWATOW	Japan	30th Oct
SWATOW	Yokohama	at Nov.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Madras, South Africa, L. Marquis, India via Dhannakhol, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Sado Maru	Friday, 29th, Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai and North China	Tientsin	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Yueh Wah	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
*Straits and *Bangkok	Loongsoong	Friday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands		
Swatow, Amoy and Takao	Sado Maru	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe	Kamo Maru	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Sandwich, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Eastern	Saturday, 30th, Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Tientsin	Saturday, 30th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Yokohama, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Yueh Wah	Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Egypt and *EUROPE via LIVERPOOL	Telamon	Sunday, 31st, Registration Letters 9.00 A.M.
Two Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 30th, Oct., at 5 P.M.		
RAISON	Shisen Maru	Monday, 1st, 8.00 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kamo Maru	Monday, 1st, 11.00 A.M.
*Swatow and *Bangkok	Yueh Wah	Tuesday, 2nd, 8.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle	Wet Tien	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy, and *Yokohama	Shanghai	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
*Shanghai and *North China	Hop Sang	Wednesday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Sunang	Thursday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe	Nansang	Thursday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Welshaw, Chafoo and Tientsin	Huichow	Thursday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huichow	Friday, 5th, 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, and Calcutta, Aden	Loring	Friday, 5th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Taming	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.

\* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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(DIRECT)

"ATREUS"	16th Nov. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"ELPENOR"	23rd Nov. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"AGAPENOR"	1st Dec. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"THESEUS"	7th Dec. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"PYRRHUS"	21st Dec. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(DIRECT OR VIA CONTINENTAL PORTS).

"IDOMENEUS"	1st Nov. Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool.
"TELAMON"	2nd Nov. Liverpool
"ANTIOCHUS"	15th Nov. Genoa, M'sles, L'pool, & Glasgow.
"TELEMACHUS"	30th Nov. Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool.

## PACIFIC SERVICE

(VIA KORE AND YOKOHAMA).

"IXION"	16th Nov.
"TALTHYBIUS"	7th Dec. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver.
"TYNDAREUS"	30th Dec.

## NEW YORK SERVICE

(VIA SUEZ OR PANAMA).

"TYDEUS"	7th Nov. via Suez.
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N. E. MULLEN, Acting Manager.

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## COMMERCIAL

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

October 29th.	
On LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/0
Bank Bill, on demand	3/0
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight	3/0
Bank Bill, at 4 months sight	3/11 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	4/2
Documentary Bill, at 4 months sight	4/1 1/2
On PARIS—	
Bank Bill, on demand	nom.
Credit, at 60 days sight	69 1/2
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bill, on demand	nom.
Credit, at 60 days sight	69 1/2
On HONGKONG—	
Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
Bank Bill, on demand	nom.
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
Bank Bill, on demand	nom.
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bill, at sight	nom.
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight	nom.
On TOKYO—	
On MANILA—On demand—	144 1/2
On SINGAPORE—On demand—	187
On BATAVIA—On demand—	215
On KUALA LUMPUR—On demand—	208
On BANGKOK—On demand—	208
On HANKOW—On demand—	208
On SOERABAYA—On demand—	208
On SINGAPORE, Bank's Buying Rate	\$3.01
Gold Leaf 100 fine per tola	\$33.01
BAR SILVER per oz.	100
Hongkong 30 cents piece	\$100 Premium
Hongkong 10	0.15
Canton 20	13.00 Discount
Canton 10	0.00

## BANKS

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital	\$15,000,000
Reserve Funds	\$1,500,000
Sterling	\$23,000,000
Silver	\$23,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$15,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in local CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in local currency and sterling on terms which will be quoted on application. N. J. STARR, Chief Manager. Hongkong, May 18th, 1920.

## THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED (TAIWAN GIEN).

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Capital Subscribed	Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	45,000,000
Reserve Funds	9,680,000

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HONGKONG BRANCH, 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, September 1st, 1920. [18]

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch St., London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital	£2,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,000,000
Reserve Fund	£1,000,000

Branches: The Bank of England, The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches: Bombay, Hongkong, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Calcutta, Madras, Shanghai, Colombo, Rangoon, New York, London, Delhi, Karachi, Peking, Galle, Koda Raha, Port Louis (Mauritius).

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N. C. WILSON, Acting Manager.

7 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, June 20th, 1920. [14]

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

Head Office: 15bis Rue La Fayette, Paris.

Subscribed Capital	Fr. 75,000,000
Paid-up Capital	Fr. 65,000,000
Reserve Funds	Fr. 65,000,000

BRANCHES: Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Soerabaya, Batavia, Singapore, Saigon, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Davao, Cagayan, Baguio, Pangasinan, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Davao, Cagayan, Baguio, Pangasinan.

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IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Credit Lyonnais.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

L. BRINDOAGUE, Manager.

Hongkong, August 2nd, 1919. [76]

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL: F. 250,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL: F. 150,000,000.

PAID-UP: F. 75,000,000.

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General Manager: A. J. Pernette.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.

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M. MONTABERT, Manager.

7 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, October 16th, 1920.

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Reserve Fund	£3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS open and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. L. OROCKATT, Manager.

Hongkong, March 27th, 1920. [13]

## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG.

Established 1919.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	£2,000,000
RESERVE FUND	200,000

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on Savings Accounts from 3 per cent. per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months	at the rate of 4 1/2 per annum
For 6 months	at the rate of 5 per annum
For 12 months	at the rate of 5 1/2 per annum

K. T. TONG-PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1920. [109]

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J. USANG LY, Manager.

Hongkong, July 7th, 1919. [30]

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Hongkong, November 2nd, 1919. [1]

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L. S. HOLM, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1920. [1971]

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(Specially authorized by Imperial Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

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THUYEK PHU, Manager.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1920. [8]

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